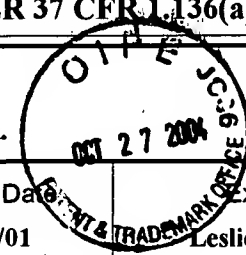


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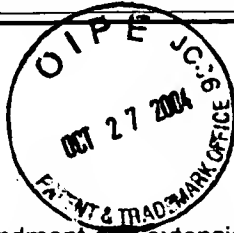
COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)					Docket No.	
In Re Application Of: WILLEMSTYN, Benjamin R.						
Application No. 09/996,977	Filing Date 11/20/01	Examiner Leslie R. Deak	Customer No.	Group Art Unit 3762	Confirmation No. 4707	
Invention: OVER-WRAP BAG ENCLOSURE FOR STERILE CONNECTORS						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u> This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>May 4, 2004</u> in the above-identified application. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">Date</small>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u>August 4, 2004</u> until: <u>November 4, 2004</u> <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</small> <small>Date</small>						
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.						
The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	13 -	20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	0 -	3 =	0	x \$44.00	\$0.00	
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00	
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$490.00	
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